



Regional Coordinator for Southwest Washington

Emergency Management Division
Washington Military Department

Background

The Southwest Regional Coordinator provides state support to the seven local emergency management offices in southwest Washington. Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania, and Wahkiakum counties receive direct technical and program assistance through the Southwest Regional Coordinator.

The goal of this position is to effectively deliver emergency management programs and services by fostering strong working relationships and effective communication between local jurisdictions and state emergency management staff. The Regional Coordinator initiates frequent, positive contacts between local and state emergency management staff to enhance program development, communication, and service delivery. Local emergency managers also meet regionally on a quarterly basis.

Role and Purpose

The Regional Coordinator's role is to provide broad support to local jurisdictions in all four phases of emergency management (mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery). The Regional Coordinator provides a single point-of-contact for prompt issue identification and resolution. Local offices in transition and changes in state programs are a particular focus for the Regional Coordinator.

The Regional Coordinator serves as the Director's representative in local jurisdiction offices and reports to the EMD Director's Office. It is the Regional Coordinator's responsibility to facilitate interaction between local emergency managers and appropriate state EMD program and functional managers, as well as with other state and federal agencies.

The Regional Coordinator assists in the implementation of emergency management programs through planning assistance, exercise development, training delivery, grant preparation, public education, response operations, and recovery support. The Regional Coordinator serves as the primary liaison between the county and state EOC during emergencies. The Regional Coordinator also coordinates issues and activities of region wide significance and acts as an advocate for local and regional concerns within EMD.

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